

Special Education Advisory Council Meeting Notes  
Meeting Date: May 4, 2005

Members present: Tom Sonneborn; Ernie Wheeler; Adrienne Fisher; Linda Horn; David LaCroix; Evelyn Sawyer; Alice Angney and Melissa Bailey

Discussion/ Topic	Suggested Actions/Follow-up	Person Responsible	Timeline
TOPI C 1: Agenda adjustment – No Justin, Karin will be coming later to discuss State updates.			
TOPI C 2: Previous Minutes: Change AXI S to ACCESS program. Motion to accept the April minutes made by Adrienne, seconded by David.	Mail to membership copies of this month's packet and materials.		
<p>TOPI C 3: Review of September Subcommittee Goals</p> <p>CIMP Process – what is our next step, will CIMP become an Annual Performance Report review group?</p> <p>Secondary Transition – revisit these concerns, invite Michael Ferguson to discuss State initiatives.</p> <p>Dropout rate – more discussion to follow when Annual Performance Report is distributed.</p> <p>Corrections – on-going data will be gained through the monitoring process the rest of this year</p>			

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<p>TOPIC 3 – Review of September Subcommittee Goals</p> <p>Teacher retention – Higher Education Collaborative, DOE and school district supports, Highly Qualified Teacher requirements, continuing vacancies data, Speech/Language Pathologist vacancies, keeping the special educators/speech pathologists we have now.</p> <p>How are we doing with continuum of placements versus least restrictive environment issues?</p> <p>Parental involvement in special education process.</p> <p>Legislative Subcommittee:</p> <p>Technical Center – application guidelines in most centers are raising guidelines for entry, may have an effect on access for special education students if accommodations/modifications are not made for them. Is there a monitoring of special education students involved in technical center programs?</p> <p>Will hands-on program still be available in contrast to college level technical programs?</p> <p>Legislative pilot project will look into a new governance for tech centers.</p>			
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<p>TOPI C 4: June Agenda</p> <p>State Updates Legislative Updates Comments on Proposed Federal Rules (if out) Response to Annual Performance Report OSEP Summer Institute (anyone interested?) Special Education Monitoring Team</p>	<p>Handout on OSEP Summer Institute (Karin wants to take a SEAC member and/or parent as part of the Vermont Team).</p>		
<p>TOPI C 5: State Updates</p> <p>The Annual Performance Report (APR) was submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs last week. It calls for the completion of a six year performance plan, to be reviewed annually, regarding data on 19 priority indicators.</p> <p>Karin sees the SEAC role as assisting the DOE in setting the course as the APR data is collected and to inform the Department of issues it sees based upon their individual or collective expertise/experience.</p>	<p>Copies of the APR will be mailed to members unable to attend this meeting.</p>	<p>Karin Edwards</p> <p>Ernie</p>	

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<p>The following individuals have been hired by the DOE:</p> <p>Claire Bruno – Autism Consultant John Spinney – Residential Review</p> <p>Both of these new hires will begin in June and are assigned to the Interagency Team at the Department.</p> <p>Carol Randall – Training and Technical Assistance Team</p> <p>There continues to remain positions in:</p> <p>Monitoring (1) Training and technical Assistance (1) Project Manager (1) Data team position (1)</p>			
<p>Motion to adjourn: Tom, Seconded by Ernie.</p>			

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<p>TOPIC 7: May Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Focus or Topic Groups</li> <li>2. Other Goals for upcoming year</li> <li>3. State Updates</li> <li>4. Legislative Updates</li> <li>5. Justin King – or IDEA 2004 updates</li> </ol>			
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Higher Ed Collaborative – Autism Course in the Fall at Johnson State; ABA Strands in Autism</p> <p>Special Education strands to be held in Johnson, White River Jct, Lyndon and at UVM</p>	<p>Council members should be on mailing lists for trainings</p>	<p>Ernie to see Andrea Wasson</p>	
<p>Motion to adjourn: Mary Koen, Seconded by David LaCroix</p>			